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DEPUTIES' MEETING

Friday, 24 May 1957

PRESENT: Mr. Dulles, Mr. Wisner, Col. White, Mr. Amory (part of mtg). Messrs. Kirkpatrick, [redacted] Dr. Kent,

Mr. Amory:

a) Referred to a statement by Khrushchev that USSR would soon overtake the U. S. in producing milk, eggs, and meat by 1961 and commented this might be of use in our propaganda efforts by pointing out that the Soviets are growing fat at satellite expense. The Director said he believed a better ploy might be to compare what the satellites received today as opposed to pre-Communist times.
ACTION: DD/P.

b) Noted he had received a report that the New York Times had through a neutral source requested permission to assign Sidney Gruson to Peiping as the Times representative. Note: Gruson is a Canadian citizen.

Mr. Dulles:

a) Noted his concern over the riots in Taipei and commented he did not recall any Estimates or Intelligence reports indicating anti-American feeling. Dr. Kent said he did not believe the Board had dealt with Free China from this standpoint.

b) Noted he planned to go to New York early on the 30th, returning either late afternoon the 2nd or early morning the 3rd, and asked Mr. Wisner if he planned to be in the city during this period. Mr. Wisner indicated that he did.

Col. White:

a) Noted that there is to be an Agency meeting held next week on Operation Alert 1957 and it is not planned that we will participate in this exercise to the extent as in previous years. The Director commented that at the Cabinet meeting he attended this morning Gordon Gray made it clear that agencies would not be expected to carry

on regular business from their relocation sites, however, heads of the various agencies would be expected to pay a visit to their sites.

b) Received the Director's approval to treat Memorial Day as a regular holiday, i.e., Sunday schedule.

Dr. Kent:

Commented that he had noted a good deal of complacency in Washington about the situation in the Middle East and said in his opinion there is a distinct possibility that there could be a flareup there within the next two or three weeks, particularly in Jordan.

Note: The Director of Training gave a briefing on the JOT Program.


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